

1 Thank you.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Burgess.

3 DELEGATE BURGESS: I rise in opposition to the
4 amendment, Mr. Chairman, and let me preface my remarks
5 by saying I care not a rap for machine politics. I came
6 down here to represent people, and that is what I propose
7 to speak to. The basic question we are dealing with here
8 is whether or not residents of certain counties are
9 going to have real honest to God operative representation.
10 Quite frankly, were I a resident of western counties or
11 eastern counties, neither of which I reside in, I
12 would give serious thought to secession from the State of
13 Maryland and hope for annexation with one of our sister
14 States, because, quite frankly, a resident of Garrett
15 County can look forward to be hopefully represented by
16 one member of the House of Delegates in conjunction with a
17 representative or partial representative of some other
18 county, hopefully -- and at best, hopefully.

19 These people in the Eastern Shore counties and
20 the western counties contribute to not only recreational
21 areas and our recreational enjoyment, but our economic